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On the Farm -- Yet Back to The City

**Bassano Possesses a Farm that is Last Word in Modernity
-- Will Demonstrate "Mixed Farming."**

It takes the stranger to really open the agricultural eyes to the wonders of house sight. Familiarity is a sort of fog that veils the most vivid, and the rare thing at hand almost from its very proximity. "Do you know that Bassano has one of the finest estates in the province," said W. Arthur Kelly, trade and irrigation commissioner for the province of Victoria, Australia, who was in Bassano last week, and who later spoke on trade relations between the Calgary Canadian Club. "Do you know," he went on, "that I have seldom seen a so scientifically constructed farm, and one in which the different departments can be so well supervised and regulated."

Market Master Geo. Wells of Calgary who ran down casually to order a cartload of potatoes for the Calgary market was so inspired that he described the place in detail in the morning paper.

Treasurer T. Hennes of the C. P. R. Department of Natural Resources came to look it over for an hour stayed a day. And what is it--the White Farm? Well, it is rapidly arising--engineering on account of its many ingenious engineering devices.

It is not a farm--it is a highly organized factory for the production of food, grain and dairy products.

Located on over 4000 acres of land, 6 miles north east of Bassano, it lies ideally for the purpose of the place.

Right from the beginning the arrangements were planned with the idea of rendering it workable with the greatest economy and efficiency.

The house was put up first--a two-story finely finished structure, with sunrooms, bath, hot air heating, hot and cold running water and electric light.

Then the power house was built, and so arranged that it would pump water, a fine flow being struck at 150 feet, into a 10,000 gallon tank; and run the mill separator and grinder besides furnishing electric light.

Then the laboratory quarters were put up, with dining room, kitchen and bath home and all seemed headed, electrically lighted.

When attention was devoted to the accommodation of the laboratory, stalls were provided for 20 horses and 40 cows and two bulls, with separate room for calves.

In the huge hay loft there is accommodation for 100 tons of hay, which was just on the point of being filled when the news went out to see it. For the barn crew special rooms electrically lighted are provided. Indeed the whole farm is a whirl.

The pigs and chickens have each separate houses. The piggery, a striking and ingenious arrangement of four--just one for the pigs, who are kept in cages. When one pasture is exhausted, temporary and they are turned into another and so on.

There are ten poultry houses, and one chick house from three incubators. The capacity is 1000 eggs, and it is interesting to watch the development of the chicken through the various stages as seen in practical demonstration in the chick house. There is also a special cover arrangement here to keep the chickens warm when roosting that is simple but effective.

A special Pigeon department has been practically tested yet. In the huge pasture there is a pump and windmill for the purpose of keeping the stock well watered. While there are four granaries with a capacity of 1200 bushels each.

This is only the first year of the farm's existence, but to reflect the change wrought from the bare prairie of a short while ago it is wonderful. Already there are 700 acres in crop, mostly flax, about as promising as anything we have seen for this time of the year.

It is not the intention of the White Farm however to raise grain except for feed, and pure bred stock is being rapidly accumulated. Around the dairy and in the pasture are about 150 head of cattle; the dairy is doing business already turning out milk, cream, butter and eggs for the Bassano market; there are about eighty hogs fattening, while the incubators are filled, and the chicken yard is swarming with Leghorns.

Preparation has also been made for the beautification of the house as being reserved of several acres around it. Already 1800 trees have been planted in windbreaks, and within them will be planted lawn, shrub and flowers surrounding a fountain. Taken all in all, it is a rare case. "On the land yet back to the city" to invent a popular phrase.

Horses Bolt Four Men Hurt

At Bassano Ready Made Farm Colony Tuesday, Wild Scenes Are Witnessed

The injured.
E. Kept, broken leg.
Fred Johnson, collar bone broken.
S. Jensen, leg broken.
W. Stefanson, fractured leg.

Four men and three horses injured was the toll in a wild stampede of eight horse teams at the Ready-Made Farm Colony Tuesday noon.

Returning to one of the farm houses for lunch on the run and in single file the hind most team got out of control and reared ahead into the team immediately in front. The unexpected disaster and fright scared the whole of the big fourth eighth horse and in a moment Indian broke loose and the prairie was a horrible sight of a mixture of horses and plungers.

There was one man on each team, six men in all, and only two escaped uninjured by turning their stampeding animals into the wire fence of the farm. The other stock naturally to the mind built overturned. One, the driver of the team that started the panic being on his line could be seen down on the ground with the plough and one of the points stuck into the flesh of his thigh and dragged him a considerable distance until it tore out.

Farm hands on horse back rounded up the scared teams by which time the panic looked like a justified fear. "Now, boys, be careful," they were carried into the house and Dr. Scott and Harris, and Dr. Brown, two men were called by car from Bassano. They had their hands full for a while and recanted the injured men to the Calgary hospital.

Following the accident strict orders were issued against the horses being allowed when leaving the fields.

Massacre The Fly

With the typhoid fever season at hand the Health Board desire to draw attention to the fly problem. The house fly is found as the great carrier of germs.

At a meeting held this week the board considered the necessity of keeping flies from fruit, vegetable and provisions generally.

They point out that the Provincial Health Authorities condemn the fly as principally responsible for the spread of typhoid, and strongly urge everyone to become a guardian of the Public Health by doing all in his power to protect against him, and to exterminate the pest.

If the public ever realized the gravity of the situation it is felt that the fly plague would soon be abated.

Mr. Finkelein, a Des Moines millionaire who is interested in the Hawkeye Ranch north of Bassano was in town this week. The Hawkeye has over 1000 acres in wheat, oats and barley and cutting has commenced.

Harvest Starts In Earnest

Binders At Work All Over, and Ideal Weather Prevails

At 11.30 on Saturday last, five binders started on a patch of five hundred acres of wheat at the Crowfoot Farming Co., and thus was commenced the glorious 1913 wheat harvest of the Bassano district. All the patch was the famous Marquis wheat, and while threshed it is of such bulk it is expected to make around 35 bushels to the acre. The Crowfoot Farming Co. under Manager Vanvorde has used such scientific methods in the sowing and care of its crops that a record yield is expected.

Pipe People Still Stalling

"Pipe people report alignments started Aug First--Will complete 18th." This was the news, word from Ulen and Co. as to steel water pipe. 500 far Council has however only received one number and a resolution was put through Monday ordering Ulen and Co. to furnish the Secretary-Treasurer Bond with numbers of can shipped so that the Council may be kept advised.

The following extract from a letter written by Mr. J. A. Barker, on his trip from Bassano to Parkhill, Ontario, is interesting to Bassano readers and shows how well this town stands out compared with others along the route.

He is also struck with the comparison between the Western States and Western Canada. He says: "From what I saw Western Canada has the status beaten a million years. The Canadian towns are more prosperous looking and I went through five States. I was struck by the way the new towns compared with Bassano."

"The latter has a substantial appearance and from the little time I have been away and that I have seen makes Bassano look very good to me."

"I was talking to a P. R. official on the way down and he says that the Company will do it for Bassano and that the town is all right."

Specializing on event news, Conn. W. T. Haines, who has been producing some of the finest spectacles in the city, has his fourth appearance here.

Indeed a New Yorker, who happened to be in Mr. Haines' office when he entered with a bouquet one day last week declared he had never seen anything equal.

Mr. Haines has tried every conceivable variety, and the coloring of some kind is remarkable. There are purple, white, vermilion, pink, and a wonderful shade of carmine that acts as background to a much brighter red.

With favorable weather conditions without cutting will commence this week. Practically all barley is cut, and a good start has been made with oats.

The rain hampered harvesting to some extent, but not seriously and cutting operations were in full swing again by the middle of the week.

Tenders Being Called for New \$35,000 Post Office

Government Architect Dowler Visited Bassano This Week and Says Tenders are to be Called Immediately.

Standard Stanzas
Mr. O. P. Larson has begun the erection of a residence on the lot here. Mr. Connery, who is putting up the building on a number of forms a few miles east of town, came in on Sunday to spend the day.

Mr. Hendrix, the Atlas lumber man, calculated three cars of material this week. His reports indicate as being quite satisfactory.

The agents for The Ford Motor Co. at Bassano called at standard last week and sold a car to Mr. J. P. Hanson. Mr. Hanson expressed himself as being well pleased with the car and wonders how he ever got along without a machine.

Several parties have already begun the harvesting of barley and wheat. Mr. Axel Larson being the first man on the job, he started on the 18th.

The standard blacksmith has added to his equipment in the shop a new top hammer purchased thru the Standard Supply Co. John says he is ready for any amount of work and the piece which can't be fast to suit him.

Mr. Fred Johnson of Calgary visited here over Sunday with S. P. Larson. Fred and Oscar used to be p. k. back in Nebraska, before coming to Canada.

It is rumored hereabouts that unless something happens tonight soon there is liable to be some road building going on this vicinity. It has even gone so far as to be reported that a party of surveyors were sent on the road allowance last week. We are inclined to discredit this, but we will still think however that something is bound to come to those who wait and in the winter we shall have "stealing again." Glory be to the department of Public Works and the party in power.

Barley harvest is in full swing. It is rumored that the National Elevator will begin the erection of an elevator at standard in about ten days. We are likely to see the fact as an elevator is badly needed here.

A new specimen of people from "Bassano" visited the dance at Ulen last night during the Fair. The local Ulenites furnished the music and the attendance was very good. -- both nights.

Mr. Stahle, the owner of the coal mine, has begun excavating for his new residence. The local town hall is under complete construction and the first dance will be held here about the 28th of this month.

The Hon. J. P. McArthur and Mr. Calder, the General Food observer for Southern Alberta, were in Standard looking over the condition of the roads here and there and while both stated that the Government was unable to carry on a great deal of work this summer yet they agreed that something ought to be done here and was very likely to be before fall.

Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. McGill were Calgary visitors this week. A number of the people from Standard and vicinity went out to the Springs last Sunday. They all report a good time which is fortunate; the picnic days will soon be over.

Mr. P. H. Wheddon, the Union Bank Manager, has on display a beautiful bouquet which was all raised from seeds that have come direct from England. Mr. Wheddon says that to him they look better than a bit of Shamrock does to an Irishman. This question however may be open for argument.

Mr. J. P. Hendrix, who has had charge of the Atlas yard here was checked out last week and his place will be taken by Mr. Hendrix when he becomes more familiar with the trade.

Comm. Shop was appointed to represent Bassano at the meeting of Alberta municipalities at High River.

By Order of the Council,
Geo. B. K. Reed,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The new office will be built this fall. Coincidental with the visit of Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works to the West, comes the announcement that tenders are to be called on amended plans for a \$35,000 building at the south east corner of Third Avenue and Third Street.

The news was brought to Bassano by Mr. Geo. Dowler, resident Dominion Government Architect at Calgary, who inspected this site, the location of gravel pits and sand deposits in the vicinity and who informed the News authorities that tenders would be called for the building to be closed Sept. 15.

In answer to the News who saw him at the Berkeley Hotel, he said that the building would be 45 by 60, with a full basement, two stories in height, would be constructed of pressed brick and with stone trimmings.

His instructions from Ottawa were to the effect that it was to cost in the vicinity of \$35,000 a very large building for a town of Bassano's size. He had just been looking into the placing of post offices at Canby, Vermilion, and Watervort, but none of these exceeded \$10,000.

"Apparently however they expect this to be something of a disturbing or 'in' he said.

Tenders for the occupation would be called for at once, he declares while he hoped to close tenders for the building by Sept. 15.

"If we can, then the building should be ready for occupation this year," he said. He estimated it should take about four months to construct.

Tenders would be called both locally and in Calgary. The whole building is to be designed for post office purposes, the Department was strict in their instructions respecting this. Room however had been reserved at the new for customs and inland revenue building additions when necessary.

The news was received with elation by local people who were beginning to fear that nothing would be done this year, although the appropriation had been made. Some delay was occasioned owing to the fact that original plans made a mistake in length of building, getting part of it upon an adjoining lot and this must not now be done, and was necessary for the error to be corrected.

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In a letter to the town in which they state they will not consent to town weaning a park in the east end, the C. P. R. declare that the new subdivision will be marketed as soon as possible.

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Banish the Breeding Places

What provision is Bassano making to guard its health?

The typhoid season is at hand, and the Health Board are urging the extermination of flies. One of the breeding places of the flies, the cesspools, the manure heaps, and piggeries.

That Pound Law has abated one nuisance, but it isn't the only thing in the Cleanly town.

There are other nuisances; the rear of restaurants, the garbage littered lanes, and the medieval practice of keeping piggeries within the city limits. One of the first pests to be abolished by Hygienic authorities was the "Piggery." It was even refused admission within the limits, for the grave danger of its proximity to dwellings was acutely realized.

Yet we find them flourishing within the town limits of Bassano.

Let this fly plague be tackled from the source up. That is the right way.

Why Not Use These As Illuminants?

After stepping from the well lighted Bassano streets it certainly is hard to discover the station in the darkness.

Somebody has described our dear old depot at midnight as an oil lamp surrounded by darkness.

The Board of Trade should invite Supt. Cameron to make a dignified descent of the depot steps by midnight.

Why use oil, when candles can be lighted so easily on the approach of the grand continental. The station might at least be mistaken for a shrine whereas now it looks too much like what it is.

Comment.

It looks now as though Third Street would be revolutionised in appearance this year, and irrevocably stamped as a business thoroughfare.

The final seal is the erection of the Walton block at the corner of Second Ave. and Third Street, and of the Public Building at the corner of Third Avenue and Third Street.

All the damage possible having now been wrought by the weeds, we can turn from that tiresome subject and debate tranquilly upon "Flies and how to swat them," until the terrible Typhoid has garnered its ghastly harvest and has gone.

Mayor and Council are said to be huffing severely from "pipe" dreams o' nights—not to mention the Contractors.

Western Canada College Has Successful Season

This well known institution and Day College for Boys has just closed another very successful year. This is the tenth year since the founding of this, the premier institution in age and success of its kind in the North West.

Although other similar schools and Colleges have been started since, Western Canada is still the largest, and the best known between Winnipeg and Vancouver.

The results of the examinations taken by the older boys in connection with the University have quite come up to the expectations of the College Staff. Most gratifying reports have come in concerning the boys that have gone to Eastern Universities and Colleges. High places have been taken, notably in McGill University Engineering courses, and in the Royal Military College, Kingston, by Western Canada College boys.

The splendid results in physics and general bearing of the training in the Gymnasium and Cadet Corps have frequently been remarked by parents and visitors. Western Canada College boys particular attention to this side of College life, and keeps a highly paid expert to take charge of scientific, physical training.

Had it not been for the present financial stringency, Western Canada College would have been far along with its new "house" on its magnificent new property. Plans, however are in hand and as soon as possible, buildings of the finest kind for College and business, usually testified by the high price taken, the scholarship won, and the testimonies received.

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